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CROWD JEERS CRUIKSHANK WHEN HE ARRIVES HOME; WIFE REFUSES TO SEE HIM

'You Can't Come Back Here,'
Villagers Cry as He Goes to
Seek Forgiveness.

FLATBUSH GIRL FIRST.

'I Suppose I've Lost My Wife
and Miss Robert, Too,' Van-
ishing Captain Wails.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

POTSDAM, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Capt. Barton Cruikshank, the Disappearance Champion of the World and self-proclaimed beguiler of women, returned to his native town today in an effort to make up with the wife who has not seen him since he disappeared nearly two years ago after leaving cunningly prepared indications that he had been drowned in the St. Lawrence River. But it was not as a hero that he came home. "You can't come back here," jeered the crowd of several hundred villagers who gathered at the station, breathing steam into the 15 degrees below zero air between their peaked caps and their mufflers, when he stepped down from the train.

"Your wife does not want to see you and will not see you," said his brother-in-law, Herbert N. Stickney, of Albany, by way of welcome to the family circle.

"Is there any manhood left in you?" Is there," said his wife's lawyer (and formerly his own), George W. Fuller, whose name Cruikshank stole and used on his trip from Porto Rico to New York and which he swore yesterday was his own.

HE WASN'T PARTICULARLY POPULAR WITH TOWNSMEN.

In short he was as popular as a stray dog in a strange neighborhood with a tin can tied to its tail.

All the afternoon efforts were made to bring Capt. and Mrs. Cruikshank together, but all overtures on his part were refused by her. As the day wore on, it was reported that Cruikshank would leave here on the 6:45 train.

Cruikshank reached Potsdam at 12:45 o'clock, occupying the last coach of the train. When the train came to a stop this coach was standing on the railroad bridge. Cruikshank apparently did not wish walking through the long line of cars in front of the curious passengers, and as he could not get out and wait along the bridge, he asked the conductor if the train could not be moved forward. But the conductor would not aid him.

Mr. Stickney took Cruikshank firmly by the arm as soon as he had given his name to the clerk of the hand on the station platform.

He seemed to be trying to prevent the Captain from running away. Cruikshank made an attempt to hold him a photographer but Stickney held him tight.

Only one villager shook hands with him.

LONG CONFERENCE WITH LAWYER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Stickney hustled Cruikshank into a sleigh and they were driven to the law office of Judge George W. Fuller, where the three men had a lengthy conference.

Cruikshank's home-coming was on the first birthday of the son he has never seen. Mrs. Cruikshank was so much wrought up over the affair that a physician had to be called. Mrs. Stickney went several times to consult with her husband and Stickney said Mrs. Cruikshank was unalterably determined never to receive her husband. Efforts are being made to cause her to change this position.

Cruikshank, Stickney and Judge Fuller hurriedly left the town.

A block and a half away, in her pretty home, was Mrs. Cruikshank.

"No, I will not see him," said she to an Evening World reporter. She was almost hysterical. "Why should I? How can I?" she added.

Cruikshank had been prepared for this, for at Philadelphia, N. Y., he received a message from Stickney informing him that his wife would not see him and that he was not going to be taken to the house she has occupied as a widow for over a year.

"It is absolutely up to my wife as to

BULLETS FLEW AS MONEY LENDER SOUGHT REFUGE

Man Opened Fire in Nassau
Street Office When Loan
Was Refused.

The routine work of an ordinary business day was in progress in Herman Knepper's real estate office in suite 516 at No. 59 Nassau street at 1 o'clock this afternoon when an Italian customer entered. He stepped across the small reception room to a window in a glass partition extending above a breast-high counter.

Mr. Knepper was at the other side of the window. The customer stated that he had come to borrow another \$2,000 on some real estate in the Bronx upon which he obtained a similar loan three months ago.

Mr. Knepper shook his head. He was willing, he said, to carry the first \$2,000 loan, now several weeks overdue, but he would not lend any more money on the property.

"You'll let me have the money or I'll kill you," said the man on the outside of the partition then announced, according to a statement made by Mr. Knepper.

Knepper saw him draw a revolver from his pocket, whereupon the real estate man, who is portly, started to run for his private office. He was followed by two shots that made starry holes in the glass partition.

A young woman stenographer, who was seated just back of where Mr. Knepper had been standing, was struck in the face and cut by a bit of flying glass. Mr. Knepper refused to tell her name. He also was slightly cut in the forehead by glass.

The partition walls of the private office in which Knepper sought refuge are ground glass from a height of four or five feet up to the ceiling. As the real estate man darted into that room the man with the pistol saw his form, darkly, through the ground glass and shot once more. Then he shoved his weapon into his pocket and darted from the office running down stairs and out into the street.

To detectives who called later, Mr. Knepper said that the man who did the shooting was Salvatore Valente, whose address he did not know. The man is a building contractor, Knepper said.

DIX WILL NAME O'CONNELL AS DOTY'S SUCCESSOR.

Brooklyn Doctor, Friend of Gaynor, Will Be New Health Officer of the Port.

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—The nomination of Dr. Joseph J. O'Connell of Brooklyn, a friend and neighbor of Mayor Gaynor, will be sent to the Senate Monday night by Gov. Dix as the successor to Dr. A. P. Doty, Health Officer of the Port of New York, according to an apparently well-founded report here today.

He is said to be acceptable to the Democratic organizations of New York and Kings Counties and was recommended for the position by Mayor Gaynor.

CRANK AT WHITE HOUSE WANTED TO SEE TAFT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Patrick Barrett of New York, was arrested at the Executive Office of the White House today by Secret Service Agent James Sloan Jr. Barrett was apparently suffering from religious mania and was removed to the House of Detention for examination.

Barrett said he had come to Washington to talk religion with President Taft. He added that he came to this country nine months ago from Ireland and has been living in New York.

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RICH JEWELLER BRIDGER ENDS LIFE BY POISON

Veteran Brooklyn Storekeeper
Calmly Arranges Suicide
in His Room.

LEAVES WILL NEAR BED.

Estranged Wife, Cause of
Lonely Despondency, Is
Sought Without Result.

Henry J. Bridger, who had been in the jewelry business in Fulton street, Brooklyn, nearly forty years, was found self slain with arsenic in his lodgings, No. 81 Hanson place, last night. One of the leaders of the jewelry trade of the greater city and rich, but separated from his wife, he was lonely, discouraged and in ill health and had complained recently that life was not worth living.

The old jeweller left his store at No. 62 Fulton street at the usual time yesterday and went to his room, kept by Mrs. Alice Johnson. He entered the house soon after 6 o'clock, went straight to his room and locked himself in.

At ten o'clock today his clerks became concerned because he did not arrive at the store with his usual exact punctuality. They tried to reach him on the telephone in his room, but could get no answer. A messenger was sent to the house. With Mrs. Johnson, he went to Mr. Bridger's room and, after calling and knocking without response, broke down the door.

They found Mr. Bridger's body lying on the bed, fully dressed. On a stand beside the bed was a glass, in the bottom of which was a white sediment. Dr. Keyes, who was called, said he thought the jeweller had been dead several hours and that the powder seemed to be arsenic.

This was confirmed by a note addressed to the Coroner, which lay among other papers on the dresser. Mr. Bridger told the Coroner that he had committed suicide with arsenic and hoped that no autopsy would be thought necessary to determine the cause of death.

Another note, addressed to an undertaker, said that he had himself prepared his body for burial and asked it would not be necessary to undress it.

Other letters left small sums for his landlady, for Mrs. Johnson, paying his arrears of rent, and contained messages for his daughters, Ida and Gertrude. There was a "Statement" labelled "one will" and two notes addressed to his executors, as well as one to the head bookkeeper at the store.

LEFT GLASSES TO CONEY HOTEL KEEPER.

The letters were weighted down with a half of field glasses to which a tag had been attached asking that they be sent to Capt. Burke, proprietor of the Albatross Hotel at Coney Island.

Mr. Bridger was the owner of a robe, a mystery several years ago, when he was held up on the steps of his home and robbed of a quantity of jewelry and a large sum of money. No trace of the robbers was ever found. The jeweller had been separated from his wife for five years, and his employees were trying this afternoon to find out where she now is.

WOMAN SENT TO BELLEVUE FOR THREATENING GAYNOR.

Mrs. Kruger Has Written Several
Objectionable Letters to the
Mayor.

Mrs. Pauline Kruger, sixty-one years old, a widow, of No. 24 East Eighty-fourth street, was arraigned today before Magistrate Kernochan in the Yorkville Court, charged with sending threatening letters to Mayor Gaynor.

Lieut. Wernzky showed Magistrate Kernochan several extravagant letters which led off with the words "To the Criminally Responsible Mayor." He said the woman had made several statements to him which seemed to indicate insanity. One of them was that last June twelve policemen had backed up six moving vans to her Flatbush home and stripped it of all her furniture.

Magistrate Kernochan committed her to Bellevue for five days.

World Building Turkish Baths. A wave open. Bath with private rooms. 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 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